

## SERBS SIX MI. FROM BULGARS

Ribbons of Winding Red Along Face of Hills Rise From Beautiful Valley Between Monastir and Invading Hordes

## SOLDIERS STANDING WITH RIFLES READY

Old Men Fill Trenches, Last Reserves of Little Nation, Living in Misery But Eager to Fight to Death

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MONASTIR, Serbia, Dec. 1.—(By mail.)—A man standing in the middle of the road looking through a telescope on a tripod!

"That's our front," says Colonel Vassich, pointing at the man. The car stops and we get out. On our left a gentle slope runs from the road; on our right there is also a slope and stretching up these are ribbons of red, winding along the face of the hills. They are the Serbian trenches.

Before us unfolds a flat, beautiful valley, the valley of Halinchi. Six miles across this valley rise mountain sides: The Golden Cross, 3,000 feet high; and other towering peaks. Over there are the Bulgars; if they can come across this flat valley, Monastir, eighteen miles behind us, is theirs with all the women and children, churches, schools and homes at their mercy.

"Look through your glasses and you will see him," says Commander Vassich. His voice is tired and his eyes are dark and drooping; he wears two coats, though the sunshine is warm and a huge muffler is about his neck. The three hundred battles he has passed through in the various Serbian wars have left their mark upon his body, but it is his mind that has planned this position that is keeping the Bulgars at bay from Monastir. You find yourself more interested in him and in his muffled form than in what the telescope may reveal. There they are! The Bulgars! A wagon train is marching along a road at the foot of the distant hills, soldiers tramp behind it. It's the same road you've been riding on, only you have not been on that particular section of it.

They're human beings over there, as we are. But they seem of another world. Death lies between here and there. Through glasses over there, men are looking at us, perhaps. To them we seem inhuman and the Serbian trenches along the hill slopes are places of death, the width of the world away. And yet we two sets of humans are only six, sunshiny miles apart, across a beautiful valley filled with ploughed farms. It's the black magic of war.

"Pick them up! Pick them up!" You turn from the telescope at the sound of the commander's voice. He is standing at the edge of the trench talking to a soldier and pointing down at the ground where a score of cartridge clips are lying; they are full clips, too, five cartridges in each frame.

"They wouldn't fit my gun," said the soldier.

"What kind of a gun have you got?" asked Colonel Vassich.

"A Bulgarian gun that I took away from a Bulgar at Babouna Pass."

"But you haven't got any ammunition for it," said the Colonel.

"Oh, I took that from him, too."

The colonel's smile of pleasure is praise enough. The soldier, standing in his waist deep trench, looking up at his commander, seems surprised and astonished when, in addition to the colonel's smile, he feels the colonel's hand upon his shoulder and hears the Serbian equivalent for "good boy!"

We climb the slope, walking behind the trench. The Bulgars are too far away for rifle fire and their cannon, for some reason we do not know, are just now silent. But the men remain in the trenches, according to orders. Each man has his rifle ready, resting on the ridge of earth before him. They are elderly men; not one appears to be less than 45.

third and last reserve."

You may wonder about Germany's reserves and how many men she can yet put into the field; or about how many classes France has left, or how many soldiers Great Britain can raise, but there's neither any doubt nor any secret about Serbia's resources. She's almost through; she's on her last class of men; men in the fifties and more.

Here they are, before your eyes, with their rifles ready. Their beds are these nests of straw along the bottom of the trenches. Their fire-sides (and most men of 50 have learned to love their firesides), are these little ovens cut into the clay sides of the trenches. Their meals are raw, fresh meat, cut only a few hours since from these fresh goat hides that dot the grass behind the trenches. Their drinks are made from the muddy water that flows through the little roadside creek. Their bed clothes are the garments they wear. Their comforts are nil.

With memories of home and children—all those deep memories that are part of the habits and life of a man of 50—they spend their time here in the mud and the rain, the sunshine, the wind and the darkness, waiting to kill or be killed, willing to defend with their lives the city of Monastir, the last big city that is left to the Serbians of all the cities that, two months ago, they were so proud of. Just the smile of this grim and quiet colonel pleases them.

"What is that?" asks Colonel Vassich as he steps before a brown, hairy knapsack lying at the trench edge. The man in the trench looks up, salutes and says it's a southern German knapsack such as you see on the French front; and that his son took it from a German 6 weeks ago near Belgrade and sent it to him to use.

## GRAND JURY CALLED FOR JANUARY 17

Judge Linn is still grinding away in the matter of disposing of motions and resetting cases in the district court. The judge is doing all in his power in the matter of so expediting the business as to have everything in shape by the fifteenth of January, at which time he expects to report for duty on the district judge division of the supreme court commission at Oklahoma City.

Judge Champ Jones of Waurika has expressed his willingness to come to Chickasha and reside in Judge Linn's place for a time at least without necessitating formality of appointment or assignment to this bench by Chief Justice Kane. Judge Jones will arrive in Chickasha in time for convening court on the morning of Monday, January 17.

This morning County Attorney John Venable filed with Judge Linn a petition asking for the calling of a special grand jury for January. The petition bears the signatures of 110 citizens of Grady county. Judge Linn stated this morning that he would immediately issue the call for the special grand jury for Monday, January 17, the day upon which Judge Jones is to arrive.

## SUSPEND DEFERRED CABLE MESSAGES FOR SHORT PERIOD

The Western Union Telegraph company announces that owing to a temporary shortage of facilities it will be necessary to suspend for a few days the handling of trans-Atlantic deferred messages. Every effort will be made to restore deferred service and cable letters at the earliest moment and the public will be promptly advised as soon as conditions permit the restoration of these services.

The company states that the necessity for this action is greatly regretted but the suspension of deferred service by other trans-Atlantic cable companies some days ago, has resulted in a flood of deferred messages to Western Union cables and it therefore becomes necessary in order to protect the company's regular patrons and its own expedited service and the company temporarily suspends all but the regular full-paid service.

Miss Ruth Morgan, who has been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Ed Estes for several weeks leaves tonight for her

## OUTLINES DEFENSE PROGRAM

Secretary Garrison Declares Americans Must Accept Voluntary Military Training or Face Conscription if Nation is Menaced

## ATTACK ON MEXICAN POLICY IS OPENED

Senator McFall Introduces Resolution Questioning Existence of Recognized Government, Starting General Assault On Administration

By United Press.  
WASHINGTON, Jan. 6.—Secretary Garrison was the first witness to appear before the house committee on military affairs at the opening of the hearing today on army matters and national defenses.

In the course of his testimony the secretary declared that Americans must adopt voluntary military training or face the necessity for conscription in the event the nation is menaced by a foreign foe.

Garrison characterized a large standing army as "utterly futile." He said reliance on the state militia was putting the safety of the country on an "unstable foundation" and declared that his continental army plan was the only feasible alternative if compulsory military training and conscription were to be avoided.

Secretary Garrison read to the committee a long statement, outlining the administration's program of national defense, including a standing army of one hundred and forty thousand men, a continental army of four hundred thousand volunteers, increased supplies of munitions and the strengthening of coast fortifications.

The senate today adopted a resolution directing Secretary Garrison to furnish information concerning the original cost, the cost of maintenance and the usefulness of every army post in the country.

Mexican Policy Attacked.

By United Press.  
WASHINGTON, Jan. 6.—Senator Fall of New Mexico, today opened his expected fight on the administration Mexican policy.

The senator introduced a resolution which questions the existence of a duly organized government in Mexico and declares that the senate has no knowledge of the president's diplomatic dealings with reference to Mexico.

The resolution is expected to be the basis of a general attack upon the president's method of handling Mexican matters, opening the way for general debate on the subject.

## LILLARD LAD TO HAVE HEARING

John T. Lillard, with his attorney, Judge Eugene Hamilton, appeared before Judge Moore this morning and Saturday, January 8, was set as the date for his preliminary hearing. Upon suggestion of defendant's attorney, County Attorney Venable agreed to a change of that date should it become necessary.

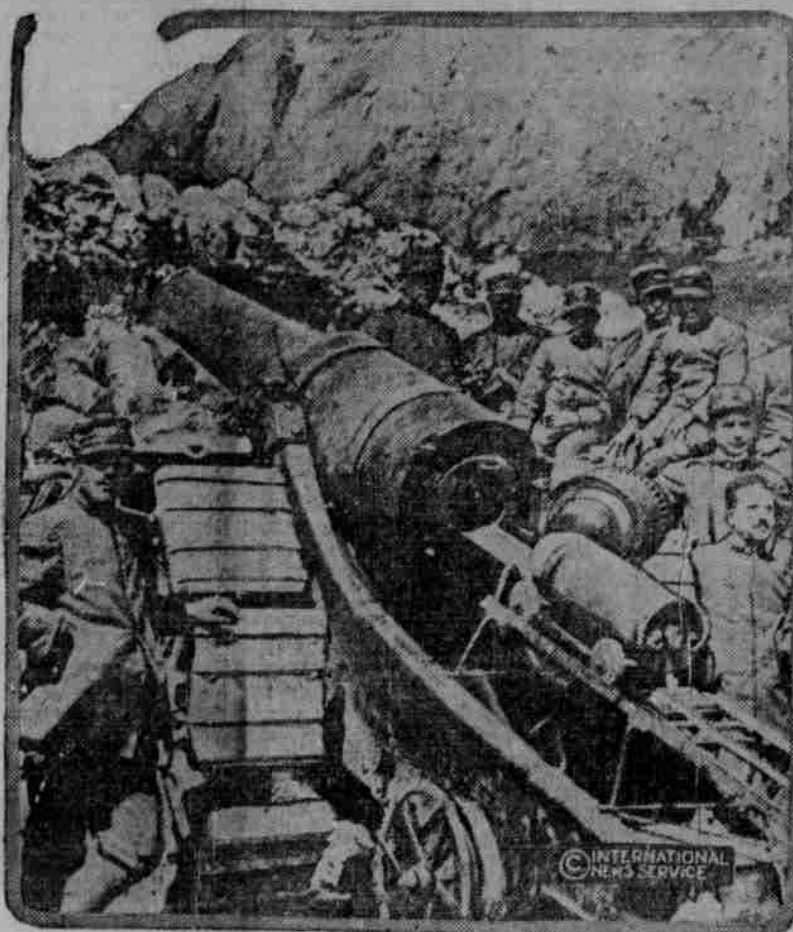
Lillard is charged with stabbing and wounding one Carl Long on the night of Sunday, January 3, in North Chickasha. The trouble arose, it is alleged, through a number of lads, of whom Long was one, annoying young Lillard and the young lady he was escorting home from church.

According to Lillard's statement, made at the time, as told heretofore in the Express, he had warned the boys to desist from annoying him and when Long persisted he stabbed him once just above the left hip. Lillard has been released under bonds in the sum of \$750.

LICENSED TO WED.

Court Clerk Newman issued a marriage license this morning to William Butler, aged 49 of Brady, to Mrs. Nannie Haddin, aged 40 of Verdun. The prospective bridegroom informed the clerk that the marriage would probably take place in Verdun this

## LOADING A BIG ITALIAN GUN NEAR GORITZ



One of the Italian 36.5 millimeter guns in the mountains above Goritz during the long siege of that Austrian city. The crew is about to put in the projectile.

## FEAR OF RUSS MAKES SWEDEN PRO-GERMAN

By CHARLES P. STEWART.

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COPENHAGEN, Jan. 6.—Sweden does not intend to let Germany lose the war even if she is forced to make war as Germany's ally.

Sweden is not particularly pro-German, but is anti-Russian. The Swedes have always been in terror of Russian attempts to secure a warm water port on the west coast of the Scandinavian peninsula, which could only be at the expense of Norway and Norway can be reached only through Sweden.

The Swedes claim that they can put a million troops in the field. In

the event of hostilities it is believed that their troops would be thrown into Finland in the expectation that the Finns would join them and capture Petrograd.

By sentiment and in consequence of trade relations the Norwegians favor England, but for political reasons they would presumably join the Swedes against Russia. They can muster four hundred thousand soldiers.

The Danes are German haters. They remember the fate of Schleswig-Holstein and they fear that the rest of their territory may go the same way if the Teutons realize their ambitions.

## CATTERALL CAACKERS SCORE HIGH

Special to Express.  
STILLWATER, Okla., Jan. 6.—W. H. Catterall, the Chickasha chicken raiser, made a double clean-up today, winning many honors in the state poultry show here and receiving a telegram announcing that he had won two first prizes in the show at Madison Garden, New York City.

In New York Catterall won first on hen and first on cockerel, while his winnings on his Single Comb Black Minorcas here were as follows:

First and second on cockerel; first, second and third cockerel; first, second, third, fourth and fifth on pullets; first, second, third and fourth hen; first and second pen. On single comb White Minorcas Catterall won first on cockerel; first, second, third, fourth and fifth on cockerel; first, second, third, fourth and fifth on pullets; first, second, third, fourth and fifth on hens; first and second on pens; first for best display in any exhibition recently.

Catterall sold one Single Comb White Minorca cock bird and one hen to T. D. Brown of Muskogee, Okla.

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WEATHER FORECAST.  
For Oklahoma.

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Cloudy and warmer tonight and Friday. Probably rain or snow.

Local Temperature.  
During twenty-four hours ending 5 a. m. today:  
Maximum, 64 degrees.  
Minimum, 24 degrees.

Rufus Estes of Joplin, Mo., is a guest at the home of his parents, Mr.

filled the grounds.  
The romance of moonlight nights along the bay, fragrant with soft breezes, touched with orange blossoms, was replaced by the grim reality of decay, ruin, loneliness. A chill wind blew from the hills; clouds filled the sky with gloom.

On the joy zone—that noisy, rollicking zone—desolation lay deep. Stella—wonderful beautiful Stella—was gone. Just a ragged sign marked her erstwhile abiding place. The giant dummy figures outside of Toyland, reared their heads like lonesome monsters wondering where their crowds had vanished to. The house of The Girl in Blue was boarded up. The pool of the diving girls is in ruins. Strange silence rests upon the once clattering coasters. It is indeed a forsaken city.

## CHASED BY SUBMARINE

By United Press.  
MARSEILLES, France, Jan. 6.—The French steamer Karnak, carrying two hundred and fifty passengers, arrived in port here today after being chased all night in a storm by a submarine, according to the commander.

The Karnak had on board survivors of the British steamers Middleton and Arbella, which were destroyed by submarines.

No Light On Persia.

By United Press.  
WASHINGTON, Jan. 6.—Consul Carret, at Alexandria, wired the state department today that the affidavits of survivors throw no more light on the sinking of the liner Persia.

## TWO YEARS FOR KINSLE

Frank Kinsle, who gave his place of abode as "Minnesota" was arraigned for trial before Judge Linn this morning in the district court and drew, on a plea of guilty to burglary, two years in the penitentiary. Kinsle some weeks ago entered an unoffending box car which had been shunted out on one of the numerous side tracks in the Chickasha railroad yards.

After entering the box car Kinsle despoiled himself in an unbecoming manner, as well as a dishonest one and swiped and absconded with and devoured a part of the contents of one box of raisins and one box of crackers. Soon thereafter the sheriff's officers camped upon his trail and rested not until he was landed safely in the county jail.

## SLAYER IS ARRAIGNED

Charles Pruitt, a negro, charged with shooting and killing Blake Gibbs, another negro, on January 3, in the city of Chickasha, was arraigned before Judge T. P. Moore this morning and a date set for his preliminary. Pruitt pleaded "not guilty" to the information charging him with the killing wilfully of Blake.

Pruitt stated that Attorney Ad Melton would represent him and the judge fixed Friday, January 6, as the date of the preliminary hearing. Pruitt was held until the date of preliminary without bond.

## 8 DROWN IN DISASTER

By United Press.  
PARKERSBURG, W. Va., Jan. 6.—According to the latest reports eight persons were drowned when the steamer Kanawa struck a pier at Dam No. 19 in the Ohio river and sank last night.

Included among those lost were two women and one baby. The vessel carried thirty-six passengers and a

## INVASION OF GREECE EXPECTED

Central Powers Are Getting Ready to Move Against Allied Armies at Saloniki, Say Reports From Several Sources

## BRITISH WORKERS BALKING AT BILL

Delegates of Trades Unions Oppose Conscription in Any Form—"Solidarity of Nation Gravely Imperiled" Declares Resolution

By United States.  
LONDON, Jan. 6.—The invasion of Greece by the armies of the central powers is about to begin, according to dispatches received here today from scattered sources.

A dispatch to the United Press from Salonika says the Bulgars have resumed their concentration along the Greek border and that the allies are making every preparation to meet the expected attack.

The Frankfurter Zeitung, according to information reaching here, says Marshal Mackensen has been ordered to proceed immediately against Salonika, where the French and British forces are entrenched. Similar reports come from Athens and Rome, leaving little doubt that the reported move of the Germans and their allies is imminent.

Oppose Conscription.

By United Press.  
LONDON, Jan. 6.—A resolution protesting "in the name of three million trade unionists" against compulsory enlistment was introduced today by the executive committee of the National Labor congress at a meeting which is being held at Westminster.

The resolution entertained expressions of regret that the "solidarity of the nation is gravely imperiled and our industrial and political liberty is menaced by the attitude of the conscriptionists."

The majority of the nine hundred delegates representing four hundred labor organizations were outspoken in their opposition to conscription in any form.

One group of delegates in the meeting adopted drafted a resolution calling upon Arthur Henderson, the labor member of the cabinet, to resign.

Deny Czernowitz Lost.

By United Press.

BERLIN, Jan. 6.—Dispatches received from Vienna today say that Austrian officials deny the report that Czernowitz has been abandoned to the Russians.

Colonel House in London.

By United Press.  
LONDON, Jan. 6.—Colonel House, special representative of the American government, who was sent to Europe to confer with United States diplomats, arrived here today and breakfasted with Ambassador Page. He will remain a fortnight before going to France.

CALL FOR BANK REPORTS.

By United Press.  
WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—The comptroller of the currency today issued a call for reports showing the condition of all national banks in the country at the close of business on December 31.

## HAS CHILDREN FOR ADOPTION

M. E. Harris, superintendent of the Cornish Orphans' home, having a branch at 1208 Iowa avenue, has in charge five little orphans subject to adoption in Christian homes. Among the children is a little boy of three years and three little girls, one six years, one nine years old and one a baby of six months.

Mr. Harris states that there are a number of other orphaned children at the home at Cornish now ready for adoption. He is desirous of finding homes for any or all of these unfortunate little ones with good, honest, upright and Christian people.